

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY ON HEALTH PROGRAMME IN MAHARASHTRA
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any comprehensive survey for health programme at national level has since been carried out in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allocation of funds proposed to be made;
- (c) whether the desired results of these programmes are likely to be achieved;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government propose to publicise the success of these programmes in some way or the other;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): Surveys have been carried out to measure prevalence and causes of blindness and intensive search for cases of Leprosy. Also HIV sentinel surveillance is being carried out annually to monitor the trends of the HIV infection. The National Family Health Surveys (NFHS-2 done recently for 1998-99) provides state-level estimates of demographic and health parameters as well as data on various socio-economic factors that are critical for bringing about desired changes in demographic and health situation at the national level. Allocation of funds to the States for carrying out surveys for various health programmes are made taking into consideration their technical requirements.

(c)&(d): Significant achievements have been made as a result of implementation of health programmes. A large number of leprosy cases were identified and put on free treatment; morbidity and mortality on account of malaria contained; cure rate under Revised National Tuberculosis Programme significantly improved; polio virtually eradicated; and coverage of mother and children with reproductive and child health expanded in a substantial manner.

(e)to(g): Information, Education and Communication (IEC) are an integral part of the health programmes for creating general awareness among the masses about the prevention and cure of various diseases. Success achieved and future plans of the programmes are widely publicised through various media.